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ECHOES FROM CAMP JENNINGS.



THE HALIFAX RIFLES ABOUT TO START FOR CAMP.

Ask Lieutenant Smith how he liked his horse.

All records were broken by the Rifles, when they got six orderlies in five days.

Co. K, can out march, out drill and out shoot any company in the state, and this has kept up its old reputation.

The Second Battalion presented Major Bingham with a beautiful sabre, the presentation speech being made by Captain Culhoun, of Palatka.

The new magazine rifles issued to the troops are far ahead of the Springfield Rifles and the men, with a little experience, will do better shooting than ever before.

One of the officers that won the esteem of every soldier in the 2d Battalion, 2d Regiment, was Lieut. Cans. L. Smith. He was always ready to do a favor for anyone that asked it.

Lieutenant Sheehan, instructor from the Sixteenth Infantry, U. S. A., complimented the officers and men of the Halifax Rifles and said it was the best company on the field.

Brigadier General Lovell was ill the greater part of the time during encampment and Colonel J. N. Bradshaw, was in command of the brigade. Major Bingham, being the senior major, was consequently in command of the regiment.

The officers from Daytona had much experience and consequently were detailed for work. Major Bingham acted as colonel and drilled the regiment on several occasions. Captain Parkinson drilled the battalion. Lieutenants Caldwell and Gibbs had charge of the companies. Sergeant Penney acted as Sergeant Major of the Second Battalion and did good work during the whole encampment.

Q. M. Sergt. Stevens, Corporal Gardner, Corporal Annan, Privates Pellett and Milton composed the rifle team. Corporal Rich, one of the best shots, was in the hospital. Pellett with a bone splin on his right forefinger which had just been lanced, insisted on taking his place, and in spite of the pain, made a good score. The team was chosen by lot. Several other men could undoubtedly have made good scores.

Corporal Charles Gardner carried off one of the two individual sharp shooters medals, having made 21 at 200 yards. As the new magazine rifles were unfamiliar to the troops, this score may be considered a good one. The 300 yard medal was won by the Jacksonville Rifles, who also won the Talladega cup. The Halifax Rifles were second in the score by teams and first in the average score by companies.

Friday night Major Bingham's battalion, consisting of companies from Key West, Miami, Palatka and Daytona, were ordered to report in one hour for duty at the target range, seven miles in the country. By ten o'clock they had arrived, pitched their shelter tents in a driving rain. At daylight the troops were up, making coffee. During the entire day they were on the firing range, everything wet through. This was their nearest approach to active warfare. At 5 p. m. they returned to camp having made the highest company score of any company in the field.

During the review by the governor, Major Bingham acted as colonel of the 2d Regiment, which headed the procession next to the 16th Infantry, U. S. A. The Rifles were the second company and under command of Lieutenant Caldwell. Many times they were pointed out by the crowd as regulars. Lieutenant Fitzgerald, mounted, was at the head of the battalion on the major's staff. Captain Parkinson, mounted, was detailed with the Third Battalion. Soon after the review, the clouds broke loose and every body returned thoroughly drenched.

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The politician was in evidence at Camp Jennings.

1st Lieutenant Caldwell commanded Co. I in battalion drill Friday morning.

Mrs. J. B. Parkinson and son, John Robert, were visitors at the camp Saturday and Sunday.

On account of a slight illness of Sergt. Major Penney, Sergt. Neville Clark acted several times in that capacity.

Private Gidney, with his animal encyclopedia, created amusement at all times for the boys. He is a unique fun maker.

Acting 1st Sergeant Fred Bratt, though absent from his company for several weeks past, filling the position admirably, like an old veteran.

Mrs. C. M. Bingham, jr., and Mrs. Edw. Fitzgerald remained in Jacksonville during the entire encampment and were daily visitors to Camp Jennings.

The Daytona boys were excelled by no company in camp either in proficiency in drill or behavior. They were very gentlemanly and won the esteem and good will of every one in camp.

J. W. Wilkinson, Daytona's enterprising city clerk, was a visitor at Camp Jennings last Sunday. Jay has a wide acquaintance among the officers of the Florida State Troops and is extremely popular.

Our company arrived home minus their blanket bags, having instead their shelter tent roll on their shoulders, new Krag-Jorgensen rifles and bayonets, looking like old regulars with their tanned faces.

Lieutenant Sheehan, of the Sixteenth U. S. Infantry gave Co. K credit of being closer in appearance and drill to the regulars than any company inspected. Lieutenant Sheehan was one of the camp instructors from Ft. McPherson, Atlanta.

Among the Daytonians who visited Camp Jennings last Saturday and Sunday were the following: Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Burdick, Mrs. J. P. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. McCallan, Mr. and Mrs. John Bratt, J. H. Gwiner, Miss Mattie Sparks, Miss Victoria McCollum, Misses Bertha and Agnes Wicking, J. C. Pettephor, W. W. Carter and A. A. Runkell.

Camp Jennings is now a matter of history, and in the history of the Florida State Troops it will be remembered as one of the most instructive encampments ever held in the State. As our time is very limited the Gazette-News will not attempt to give the encampment the "write-up" it deserves, but will leave the matter to furnishing a few short pleasantries of interest especially to Daytona people.

Lieut. Fitzgerald was detailed as assistant to Capt. Walter P. Corbett, the Post Quartermaster, and one of the best soldiers in Florida. Capt. Corbett served all through the late unpleasantness with Spain and the Philippines and besides served in the Indian Wars, a total of over twenty years' active military experience. Capt. Abernethy, of Orlando, and Capt. Dancy, of Jacksonville, were also assistants to Capt. Corbett at Camp Jennings.

One of the most pleasant events during the encampment was the sabre presentation to Major C. M. Bingham. The sabre was presented by the four companies of the Second Battalion, Second Regiment, comprising Daytona, Palatka, Miami and Key West. Wednesday morning the companies lined up and the Major was called from his tent. Capt. Culhoun, of Palatka, with an eloquent flow of oratory presented the glittering steel. Major Bingham in accepting made a very pretty speech, after which he was given three cheers and a tiger.

The officers of the Florida State Troops, with very few exceptions, are as fine a gathering of men as one could wish to meet. True soldiers they are and with them honor and comeliness always prevail.

Our boys made an enviable record in camp indeed. Not a fight occurred in the street of Co. K, not a member of the company was seen intoxicated, nor was any man reprimanded by any of the officers for laxity or failure to properly perform their duties.

Friday night when the Second Battalion was ordered to the range, Capt. John Parkinson was Acting Major and 2d Lieut. W. F. Jibb, Acting Adjutant of our troops. They proceeded to the range, a distance of eight miles and camped 24 hours in the small dog or shelter tents.

Battalion drill on Friday afternoon carried a unique feature, that of Co. K had to have split and made two companies to fill the battalion. Lieut. W. F. Jibb commanding First Battalion and Lieut. Fred Caldwell commanding Second Battalion, Palatka being third company and Miami fourth.

Next year's encampment may be held in the North. Two places are in view—Peekskill on the Hudson and Chappaqua. This undoubtedly would be a great inducement to new enlistments and would give Florida troops a chance to compare their work with northern regiments and also a chance to win inter-state prizes.

Major Bingham and Adjutant Smith were great favorites with both officers and men in their commands. They required strict, efficient service on duty, and on the other hand, attended personally to seeing that their soldiers received all that they were entitled to in way of rations, tentage and equipments, a fact that a soldier can most appreciate.

Seven orderlies were picked from Co. K by the U. S. officers on guard mount on various days. This is a most honorable position as it means a man's equipment, clothes, shoes and general appearance were perfect. Considering that 11 other companies were "looking for orderlies" each day, Co. K made the best showing in camp as no other company even secured two.

A SEVERE STORM

The storm which passed over the lower part of the Florida peninsula last Friday and Saturday is reported by papers in that section as being the most severe ever known there. The weather bureau had sent out warnings to prepare for the hurricane, which no doubt made the record of destruction to shipping much lighter. Miami suffered to considerable extent, not fully known, but the greatest loss there was sustained by the Florida East Coast Ry., according to reports sent to the Times Union Sunday. Palm Beach suffered severely but according to the Lake Worth News of the 12th, no detailed account of the destruction could then be given. The News plant was wrecked and the paper was issued while the water was pouring through where the roof should have been. Two steamers were driven ashore there and wrecked, three sailors being drowned. Two other bodies were washed ashore, indicating the probable wrecking of some vessel farther out at sea. Tampa sustained a severe loss from the storm, the greatest being to the tobacco manufacturing plants. An estimate of the loss at Tampa is \$1,000,000. The loss by the storm to the orange growers is very heavy. In some places it is said that all fruit is stripped from the trees. Estimates of total damage to the fruit are placed at from one third to one half the crop.

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